

Amendments To the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 16 line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 16 line 1, after the newly added ABSTRACT section heading, as follows:

The invention relates to a method for establishing a distribution compartment in a packet-switched network. A classification of the network nodes is carried out according to output nodes of the network during which the class of a node is determined according to the minimum number of hops between the network nodes and the output nodes. Based on the classification, distribution compartments for flows can be established as to provide a freedom from loops and to enable a flexible reaction to malfunctions.